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## From the chancellor



Spring has arrived, and commencement exercises for our two colleges are ahead. The institute is helping to chart the future of agriculture in Tennessee, and several of our faculty and staff have been recognized recently. **[Read more in Chancellor Arrington's letter.](#)**

## Considering sequestration's impacts to FY13 budget

Now that the federal budget reductions that impact UT AgResearch are known, what can be done to adjust to the situation? Dean Bill Brown of AgResearch says that we must remain true to our mission while seeking new partners with similar goals as ours in service to our clientele. **[More](#)**



## This summer grow more, give more with the institute



In a society as wealthy and advanced as the United States, it is hard to believe that more than 40 million Americans, including 17 million children, go hungry each year. Of those Americans, 840,000 reside in the state of Tennessee.

To address hunger in Tennessee, the institute and the Society of St. Andrew are partnering on an effort called "Grow More, Give More." The initiative has the sole goal of providing fresh produce to our hungry neighbors in Tennessee. It depends on the charity of gardeners, farmers and farmers market shoppers.

Although the effort is statewide in focus, Knoxville-area community members are asked to plant extra in their gardens this spring and to bring their extra bounty, once grown, to the UT Farmers Market at the UT Gardens on Neyland Drive. Donations of purchased

produce and other food are also welcome.

The Farmers Market at the UT Gardens will be open on Wednesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. beginning May 15. Donations for the Grow More, Give More project will be collected beginning June 5. **More**



Last year's drought was the worst in 50 years. In Tennessee, more than a third of the state's weather stations set records for heat. Now the institute has received



In memoriam: **Charles Graves**, 81, professor emeritus of agronomy, director of the field crop variety evaluation program and 40-year institute member; **Zack**



The College of Veterinary Medicine will hold its annual open house Saturday, April 20, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The free event will take place, rain or shine. Children are



\$700,000 in grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to research ways to cope with future drought and the impact of a changing climate on the region's livestock and farmland. [More](#)

**Henry**, 83, professor emeritus in Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science with 38 years of service and father-in-law to Steve Glafenheim, director of services. (Names link to obituaries.)

encouraged to bring their stuffed animals to the Teddy Bear Clinic for veterinary students to examine. Learn about the many things that will be featured. [More](#)

## First quarter grants and contracts



First quarter grants and contracts total \$7,040,236. To the principal and co-principal investigators, congratulations. To everyone, we appreciate your support and efforts in seeking external funding, which is more vital than ever. [See the report.](#)

## Alum named Thai secretary of science, technology

The prime minister of Thailand has appointed Atchara Wongsangchan, right, deputy permanent secretary of the Ministry of Science and Technology. Wongsangchan completed M.S. and Ph.D. degrees at the institute working with professor Larry Wilson in the Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries.



Shown with her are Deputy Prime Minister Plodprasop Suraswadi, left, and his adviser Bob Orr, former director of international studies at UTIA. Wongsangchan also serves as chief of staff to Suraswadi in addition to her other responsibilities.

## Tennessee farmers markets opening



Farmers markets are opening across the state with many facilitated by county Extension agents, who help to coordinate and promote them.

On the institute's campus in Knoxville, the UT Farmers Market starts Wednesday, May 15, in the UT Gardens, operating from 4 to 7 p.m. each Wednesday through October 23. At its season opening on May 15, the market will feature a bike repair demo and gardening workshops, as well as products from East Tennessee vendors that include goat's milk items, homemade granola and personal care products.

Produce to look for at spring markets includes kale, lettuce, Swiss chard, arugula, mustard greens, collards, spinach, salad mix, green onions, radishes, beets and broccoli.

## Photo competition winner!

Graham Hickling, director of the Center for Wildlife Health in the Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, took this image of a nymph, which won first place in the Gamma Sigma Delta photo competition. Hickling says he didn't realize his insect sported UT colors until someone pointed that out. This year's winning entries can be seen [here](#). GSD is adding additional award categories for next year's competition so start snapping photos now!



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